

REMARKS

The Office Action dated July 19, 2006 has been reviewed and carefully considered. Claims 1 -22 are pending, the independent claims being claims 1, 10 and 18. Reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are patentable for at least the following reasons.

Claims 10-13 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Sezan et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,236,395.

Claim 10 recites:

10. A method for creation of a visual summary of video content of a video source comprising the steps of:

(a) designating a plurality of frames from a video source as keyframes;

(b) adjusting a display rate of the keyframes designated in step (a) according to a fast forward/rewind speed of the video source so that the keyframes are displayed for a predetermined time during fast forward/rewind of the video source.

Sezan fails to show, teach or imply the limitations of: "adjusting a display rate of the keyframes designated in step (a) according to a fast forward/rewind speed of the

video source so that the keyframes are displayed for a predetermined time during fast forward/rewind of the video source," as recited in independent claim 10. Independent claims 1 and 18 recites similar limitations.

Sezan teaches at least one description scheme. For audio and/or video programs, a program description scheme provides information regarding the associated program. For the user, a user description scheme provides information regarding the user's preferences. For the system, a system description scheme provides information regarding the system. The description schemes are independent of one another. The system may use a combination of the description schemes to enhance its ability to search, filter, and browse audiovisual information, see col. 1, lines 55-67.

Nothing in Sezan teaches adjusting a display rate of the keyframes designated in step (a) according to a fast forward/rewind speed of the video source so that the keyframes are displayed for a predetermined time during fast forward/rewind of the video source, as claimed in claim 10. The Office Action cites Fig. 4-12. Col. 13 line 65 - Col. 14 line 40 to show these limitations. Applicants respectfully disagree. In this section Sezan teaches an audiovisual description scheme using thumbnail functions as a function of category that provides a display with a set of categories on the left hand side. Selecting a particular category, such as news, provides a set of thumbnail views of different programs that are currently available for viewing. The thumbnail views are short video segments that provide an indication of the content of the respective actual program that it

corresponds with. Referring to FIG. 5, a thumbnail view of available programs in terms of channels may be displayed, if desired...

Accordingly, Sezan does not adjusting a display rate of the keyframes designated in step (a) according to a fast forward/rewind speed of the video source so that the keyframes are displayed for a predetermined time during fast forward/rewind of the video source. Sezan only uses keyframes to categorize multiple video content for display, filtering, browsing etc. and not within a signal video source for display rate adjustment. Sezan solves a different problem (e.g. browsing/searching of a video database or multiple video content from a content provider, see col. 21 line 7-44).

A claim is anticipated only if each and every element recited therein is expressly or inherently described in a single prior art reference. Sezan cannot be said to anticipate the present invention, because Sezan fails to disclose each and every element recited. Having shown that Sezan fails to disclose each and every element claimed, applicant submits that the reason for the Examiner's rejection of method claim 10 has been overcome and can no longer be sustained. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration, withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of claim 10.

Claims 1-8, 18-22 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,728,473 by Chotoku et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,335,742 by Takemoto and Sezan. Claims 8-9 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chotoku, Takemoto and Sezan in view of EP 1085756 by Van Beek

et al. Claims 14-17 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sezan in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,100,941 by Dimitrova et al.

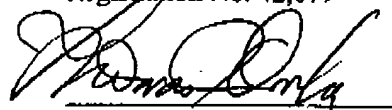
Independent claims 1 and 18 recite the limitation of "adjusting a keyframe display rate of the modified visual summary to correspond with a fast forward/rewind speed of the video source so that the keyframes can be displayed during fast forward/rewind of the video source," which has been shown to be not anticipated and allowable in view of the cited references. The addition of Chotoku, Takemoto, Van Beek and Dimitrova fail to cure the infirmities of Sezan. Accordingly, independent claims 1 and 18 are believed allowable for at least the same reasons as independent claim 10.

With regard to claims 2-9, 11-17 and 19-22, these claims ultimately depend from independent claims 1, 10 and 18, which have been shown to be not anticipated and allowable in view of the cited references. Accordingly, claims 2-9, 11-17 and 19-22 are also allowable by virtue of their dependence from an allowable base claim.

For all the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all the present claims are patentable in view of the cited references. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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